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Pursuant to the authority in Sections 3.1-724, 3.1-730, and 3.1-749 through 3.1-757 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended, the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services hereby adopts the following Rules and Regulations Governing the Prevention, Control, and Eradication of Bovine Tuberculosis in Virginia.

2 VAC 5-40-10. Report of Testing; Permanent Identification of Passed Cattle.

A report shall be submitted within 10 days to the State Veterinarian by any person making a tuberculin test of cattle in Virginia. All cattle satisfactorily passing an approved test within the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be identified by an official state pass tag, unless such cattle carry an official tag of some other state, or another permanent method of identification which is recognized by the State Veterinarian.

2 VAC 5-40-20. Method of Testing.

Official tuberculin tests may be applied by the intradermal (caudal fold), single cervical and comparative cervical methods. An official tuberculin test shall be applied by a veterinarian regularly employed by the Commonwealth of Virginia or Federal Government, a county or municipality, or an accredited veterinarian. The comparative cervical tests shall be performed only by an approved state or federal veterinarian.

2 VAC 5-40-30. Identification and Reporting of Reactor Animals.

Cattle reacting to the tuberculin test or cattle found by clinical examination to be infected with tuberculosis shall be effectively branded with the letter "T" not less than two inches high on the left jaw, tagged with a metal tag bearing the inscription "Virginia Reactor" and a serial number in the left ear, and reported within 10 days to the State Veterinarian.

2 VAC 5-40-40. Disposition of Tuberculin Injected Cattle Awaiting Final Evaluation; Handling of Reactors.

No cattle which are waiting for evaluation after being injected with tuberculin, and no positive reacting cattle shall be removed from the premises where tested, except as follows: All reactors shall be segregated and kept from contact with all other cattle on the premises, and no reactors shall be removed from the boundaries where confined without a permit from the State Veterinarian.

2 VAC 5-40-50. Permits for Movement of Reactors.

Permits required in the above paragraph shall be issued only to the owner of the cattle to be moved. Separate permits are required for each animal, except when animals are moved in one drove, truckload, or carload, in which case one permit shall suffice for each drove, truckload or carload.

2 VAC 5-40-60. Movement of Reactors Limited Only From Quarantined Premises to Slaughter.

Permits for movement may be issued only for moving animals from quarantined premises to slaughterhouses operating under official state or federal meat inspection.

2 VAC 5-40-70. Slaughtering and Reporting of Reactors.

All cattle which have reacted to the tuberculin test, or which have been found by clinical examination to be infected with tuberculosis, shall be slaughtered under official state or federal meat inspection; and the postmortem findings shall be reported within 10 days to the State Veterinarian.

2 VAC 5-40-80. Tuberculosis-Free Accredited Herds.

Tuberculosis-free accredited herds of cattle in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be governed by the regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture.

2 VAC 5-40-90. Tuberculosis-Free Areas.

Tuberculosis-free areas in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be governed by the regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture.

2 VAC 5-40-100. Disposition of Tuberculosis Infected Herds.

Tuberculosis infected herds may be depopulated when approved by the State Veterinarian, or the owner may follow a test-and-slaughter program as prescribed in the "Uniform Methods and Rules for Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication," published by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture (Code of Federal Regulations, Title 9, Chapter 1, Parts 1 to 199).